

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicant : Weber et al.  
App. No. : 10/614,680  
Filed : July 3, 2003  
For : CONTINUOUS PROCESS FOR  
RECOVERING ACETONE FROM A  
WASTE STREAM RESULTING FROM  
ACETONE PURIFICATION  
Examiner : Unknown  
Group Art Unit : Unknown

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 3 references that are also enclosed. Please note that U.S. Publication 2002/0032350 is the U.S. equivalent of EP 1 188 737.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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